

Summary

The aim of this thesis titled „The use of the Bible in pastoral work with ill people“ is to explore the ways how this fundamental book of Christianity can be used in pastoral work with ill people.

In the first chapter, there are defined general pastoral care, its meaning and the care of ill people. Furthermore, the ill person as an object on which is this care focused, his needs and some specifics of conversation with such a person and also a person accompanying the ill as the one who provides the care.

The second chapter deals with the pastoral theme in the Bible. In the times of the Old Testament the shepherd was one of the most inferior professions. Nevertheless, it is given as an example for the behavior of the spiritual leader to the people of whom he cares about. In some books of the Bible there is described how a shepherd should behave to his flock. In the New Testament then it is spoken of Jesus Christ as the good shepherd who takes care of his sheep, which represent individuals in the church. The chapter provides some inspirations in Christ's behavior for today's pastoral work with ill people.

The third chapter is devoted to a description of the selected options of the use of the Bible in pastoral work with the sick. These include personal approach to accompanying to it, reading stories, but also about its abuse.